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MDPB Minutes 9/16/98

Members present: Drs. Chagrasulis, Stuchiner, Liebow, Burton, Smith, Grimmnitz
MEMS Staff: Bradshaw
Guests: John Fields, Joanne LeBrun, Jeff Regis, Dan Palladino,
Randy Bumps, Dr. Norm Dinerman, Dr. Larry Hopperstead,
Tom Judge

I. Previous minutes (June 1998) reviewed and approved.

II. Protocol Review

Purple, Blue, Brown, Red - previous changes reviewed; see "Draft Revised protocols " for changes. (distributed at October meeting).

III. Lifeflight of Maine Critical Care Protocols

Discussion: The initial agenda of this meeting was to review and approve these protocols for use by appropriately trained critical care RN's for use on-scene (vs. interfacility transfers, for which practice by RN's does not require such protocols to be approved by the MDPB). However, extensive discussion ensued in regard to the flight paramedic/RN team for air ambulance flights. There was consensus that the ultimate goal is for flight teams to consist of appropriately trained paramedics and nurses, who could both practice under approved critical care protocols. The MDPB wishes to view this as a concept which could apply to any air ambulance service, not just to Lifeflight of Maine.

Action: Therefore,

- 1) The protocols will be referred to as "MEMS Air Ambulance Protocols".
- 2) The MDPB approves these protocols "As presented, with modifications as presented, for use by appropriately trained nurses and paramedics.

Implementation issues for use of these MEMS Air Ambulance Protocols are to be referred to the Board of MEMS for discussion and action prior to any paramedic practice under these protocols."

Follow-up:

Add: Such implementation issues include

- 1) Review of current rules for potential changes - Jay
- 2) Consideration by the Board of MEMS of potential scope of practice/rules changes.
- 3) Consideration by the Board of MEMS and Education Committee of "appropriately trained", and review of curriculum, such that this curriculum would be consistent with national standards, and such that other air ambulance services would be held to the same standard.
- 4) Consideration the the Board of MEMS of established re-credentialling proposal by Lifeflight of Maine, which would address ongoing review of providers and maintenance of competency for such practice over time.
- 5) The MDPB wishes to have further discussion of paramedic practice under these protocols, after above implementation issues have been addressed, prior to paramedic practice under these protocols.

IV. Other

- A. Request of MDPB member to be present at instructor course 10/17/98 at KVTC - Dr. Burton to attend.
- B. Samoset conference - MDPB forum scheduled for Nov. 14, MDPB members requested to attend - to schedule via e-mail.

V. Next meeting October 21, MEMS office, 0930-1230.

Submitted,

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